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A.—(i) No.

(ii) The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.Os. No. 1732, Revenue, dated 11th June 1912 and No. 2326, Revenue, dated 18th June 1918, which were placed on Editors' Table and to the Press Communiqué, dated 20th March 1916.

Exemption from water-rate and assessment in respect of waste land.

887 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(i) the number of depressed class pattadars in Nellore and Kistna districts that enjoy the benefit of exemption from water-rate and assessment in respect of waste lands assigned to them; and

(ii) why this concession has not been extended to the assignees of waste lands among the depressed classes, in southern districts like Chingleput, South Arcot, Tanjore and Trichinopoly?

A.—(i) The Government have no information.

(ii) The concession is a temporary one and the Government saw no reason to extend it to other districts in the Presidency.

Rewards to officers in the Police department.

888 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Member for Finance, the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(*a*) to state the names of gentlemen in the Police department to whom jaghirs or land revenue assessments have been given by Government during the last four years in addition to their respective pensions or salaries;

(*b*) to lay on the table the connected correspondence on this subject; and

(*c*) to state whether it is the intention of the Government to extend this sort of reward to such of the officials or non-officials who have rendered meritorious service on behalf of (1) the depressed classes and (2) Government in fighting non-co-operation?

A.—(*a*) Assignments of revenue have been made in favour of—

(1) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Nayudu Garu.

(2) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. Bhavanandam Pillai Avargal.

(3) Khan Bahadur Muhammad Abdul Karim Sahib Faruqi.

(*b*) The correspondence on the subject cannot be laid on the table.

(*c*) The Government have no such intention at present.

Communal representation among Inspectors of Co-operative Societies.

889 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: With reference to Government's reply to question No. 605 (*b*) at the meeting of the Council on 12th October 1921, regarding Muhammadan Inspectors in the Co-operative department, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what special steps the Government have taken till now or intend taking hereafter for encouraging or entertaining at least three Adi-Dravidas and three Muhammadans as Inspectors of Co-operative Societies in each of the districts of this Presidency?